

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed on February 23, 2006, and also in response to the Advisory Action mailed on May 8, 2006. Currently, Claims 14-38, 42-58, 60, 61, and 63-71 are pending in the application. Claims 14-38, 42-57, and 66-71 are allowed. Claim 63 is objected to. Claims 58, 60, 61, 64, and 65 are rejected. Entry of this amendment canceling the rejected claims and amending the objectionable claim to place the application in condition for allowance is requested.

The Rejection of Claims 58, 60, 61, 64, and 65 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 58, 60, 61, 64, and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Formato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,248,469). Claims 58, 60, 61, 64, and 65 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Objection to Claim 63

Claim 63 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 63 is now amended, including all of the limitations of the base Claim 58.

The Information Disclosure Statement

Consideration of the documents cited in the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. The documents were forwarded by a foreign Patent Office on April 11, 2006. Therefore, consideration of the documents is appropriate.

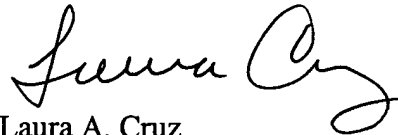
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that Claims 14-38, 42-57, 63, and 66-71 are allowable. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may contact the applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

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